

~*456 Maintains Anew the Right
of Resistance.

wryttin within the Holie Scriptouris is
writtin for our instructioun.'"

Here Maitland showed signs of
collapsing under the strain of the debate.
Morton asked Mr George Hay to continue
the argument. Mr Hay presently avowed
himself at one with Knox as to the right of
resistance, and the exhausted secretary
was forced to brace himself for another
effort.

MAITLAND—"Yisterday we heard your
jugement upoun the 13 to the Romanis. In
two things I wes offendit. The ane wes, ye
maid difference betwix the ordinance of God
and the persounis that wer placeit in
authoritie; and ye affirmed that men nicht
resist the persounis, and yit nocht offend
aganis God's ordinance. The uther ye
had na tyme to explane ; but methocht
ye menit that subjectis wer nocht bound
to obey thair princis gif thai commandit
unlauchfull thingis."

KNOX—"Ye haif rychtlie bayth markit my
wordis, and understand my mynd; for of
that same jugement I haif lang bene, and
so yit I remane."

Maitland demanded proof, and Knox
entered into an argument to show that
the apostle makes a distinction between
the office of the civil magistrate, which is
ordained of God, and the holder of it, and
quoted Old Testament examples of the
right and duty of resistance.

MAITLAND (after further sparring over
the Old Testament examples)—" Than will
ye mak subjectis to controll thair prynces
and ruleris ? "

KNOX—" And what harm shoulde the
Commonwelthe receive if the affectiounis
of ignorant reuleris wer moderatit by the
wisdome and discretioun of godlie subjectis
that thai shoulde do wrong nor violence to
no man ? "

MAITLAND—" All this ressonyng is nocht
of the purpois." The queen, he is certain,
will never persecute the adherents of the
reformed faith. The question is, whether
we may and ought to suppress the queen's
mass ? Or whether her idolatry shall be laid
to our charge ?

KNOX —" By Goddis express
commandiment idolatry aucht nocht only
to be suppressit, but the idolater aucht to
die the deith unless that we will accuse

God."

MAITLAND—⁽ I know the idolater is
commandit to die the deith, but by
whome ? "